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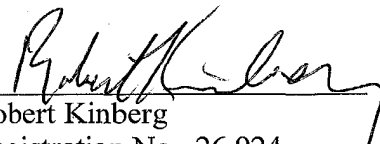
Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R.1.97 within the time specified under 37 CFR 1.97(b).

Attached is a copy of JP 59 175299 cited in the German Office Action dated March 25, 1998, which was previously filed with our Information Disclosure Statement on August 8, 2000. We did not file a copy of the JP document at that time because it was not available. A Form PTO-1449 listing the reference is attached, together with a courtesy copy of the German Office Action dated March 25, 1998 and a translation thereof.

In view of the above, no further statement of relevance need be given, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited publications and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,


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